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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER JEAN SAUVAGNARGUES IN
SEPTEMBER 29 ADDRESS BEFORE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON
OCCASION OF PRESENTATION OF QUAI D'ORSAY BUDGET REQUEST
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REVIEWED STATUS AND PHILOSOPHY OF FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY.

DEBATE WHICH FOLLOWED CONSISTED FOR MOST PART OF
CRITICISM AIMED AT REDUCED MAGNITUDE OF CURRENT BUDGET
REQUEST AS COMPARED TO THAT OF LAST YEAR. AT CONCLUSION
OF DEBATE, ASSEMBLY ADOPTED BUDGET WITH VOTE SPLITTING
ALONG MAJORITY OPPOSITION LINES. END SUMMARY

1. SAUVAGNARGUES DESCRIBED FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY AS
BEING BASED ON THREE "ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES": INDEPEN-
DENCE, COOPERATION AND DIALOGUE. HE VIEWED THESE
PRINCIPLES AS COMPLEMENTARY AND DURING THE COURSE OF
HIS PRESENTATION PROVIDED EXAMPLES OF HOW THEY WERE
BEING IMPLEMENTED.

2. COOPERATION AND INDEPENDENCE - SAUVAGNARGUES NOTED
THAT IN AN INCREASINGLY COMPLICATED AND INTERDEPENDENT
WORLD ONLY A GLOBAL FRAMEWORK WAS SUITABLE FOR THE
SOLUTION OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH AFFECT THE ENTIRE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. SUCH AN ANALYSIS WAS BASED
NOT ON ANY NEED TO PLEASE BUT RATHER WAS DICTATED BY
THE "HARD REALITIES OF THE WORLD AS IT IS." NEVERTHE-
LESS, SAUVAGNARGUES REAFFIRMED THAT FRENCH INDEPENDENCE
"MUST BE PRESERVED AGAINST ANY DIMINUATION." FRENCH
INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM OF JUDGMENT, SAUVAGNARMAFVVZCZ

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ANALYSIS ON FRENCH SECURITY BEING GUARANTEED BY
FRENCH MEANS. RECALLING PRESIDENT GISCARD'S VISIT TO
MOSCOW, SAUVAGNARGUES CONFIRMED THAT FRANCE WAS
"PREPARED TO CONSULT AND COOPERATE WITH OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND MORE PARTICULARLY
WITH NATIONS WHO LIKE OURSELVES HAVE NUCLEAR RESPONSIBILITIES
IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE MENACE...OF THE ARMS
RACE."FRANCE, HOWEVER, SAUVAGNARGUES WARNED, COULD NOT
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ACCEPT "ANY FORMULA WHICH UNDER THE PRETEXT OF
REDUCTIONS WOULD GIVE RISE TO NEW DISEQUILIBRIUMS."
DISARMAMENT MUST BE "REAL, THAT IS UNIVERSAL AND
CONTROLLED."

5. EUROPE - SAUVAGNARGUES RECALLED THAT THE WORLD
ECONOMIC CRISIS HAD STRUCK WHEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
WAS ALREADY EXPERIENCING INTERNAL STRAINS. FRENCH
POLICY, HE PLEDGED, WAS AND REMAINS TO ARREST
RESULTING TRENDS DANGEROUS TO EC UNITY. EUROPE REMAINS
FAR FROM UNITED IN TERMS OF EXTERNAL POLICIES,
SAUVAGNARGUES NOTED, BUT THIS WAS NOT PARTICULARLY
DISQUIETING. WHAT WAS TO BE AVOIDED AT THIS POINT IN
EUROPEAN EVOLUTION, WAS "A EUROPE ARTIFICALLY
CONSTRUCTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO NATIONAL REALITIES
WHICH WOULD COLLAPSE AT THE SLIGHTEST BREEZE."

6. MISCELLANEOUS - SAUVAGNARGUES SAID THAT FRANCE WAS
SATISFIED WITH CSCE FINAL ACT WHICH"CONFORMED TO
POSITIONS WHICH WE HAD CONSTANTLY DEFENDED." REGARDING
GREECE, SAUVAGNARGUES REAFFIRMED THAT FRENCH POLICY
WAS AIMED TOWARD RAPID EC MEMBERSHIP FOR GREECE. ON
SPAIN, HE SAID THAT FRANCE HOPED THAT "A DEMOCRATIC
SPAIN WILL FIND THE PLACE IT MERITS IN EUROPE" AND
REFERRING TO PORTUGAL HE NOTED THE "CONSTANT AND
CONSTRUCTIVE CONTACTS" WHICH THE EC WAS MAINTAINING
WITH THAT NATION. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A "HIGH
LEVEL MISSION" WOULD SOON DEPART FOR HANOI TO DISCUSS
REMAINING PROBLEMS AFFECTING FRANCO-VIETNAMESE
RELATIONS.

7. THE DEBATE WHICH FOLLOWED SAUVAGNARGUES' PRESENTATION
CONCENTRATED FOR MOST PART ON THE REDUCED

MAGNITUDE OF THE CURRENT BUDGET REQUEST AS COMPARED
TO THAT OF LAST YEAR (1.5 PER CENT OF GOVERNMENT
EXPENDITURES VERSUS 1.6 PER CENT IN 1974). FORMER
FOREIGN MINISTER AND UDR DEPUTY MAURICE COUVE DE
MURVILLE WAS PARTICULARLY ACERBIC IN THIS RESPECT.
CITING THE REDUCED QUAI BUDGET AS AN INDICATION,
COUVE IMPLIED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS NOT
PROPERLY FULFILLING ITS ROLE AND THAT THE ELYSEE WAS
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